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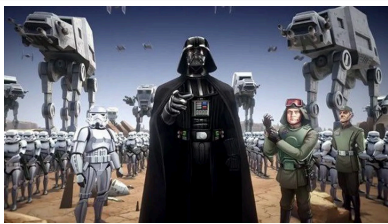
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Monday, November 11, 2024

The Empire Expands

From the [Commercial Observer](#):
UCLA is advancing its wide-ranging expansion with another real estate acquisition and a plan for a significant redevelopment in its hometown. UCLA put down \$55 million for a nearly 170,000-square-foot office facility in Los Angeles' South Bay, sources told Commercial Observer. The university has a roughly \$90 million plan to redevelop the two-story facility for the UCLA Health Sports Medicine Institute.



Karney Properties sold the two-story asset at 5210 Pacific Concourse for about \$324 per square foot. Previously nicknamed 52Ten, the facility is on 9.5 acres off Interstate 405 between El Segundo and Hawthorne, near the southeast corner of LAX. Property records show Karney purchased the now 22-year-old building from Siemens Corporation for \$53 million in 2017, and renovated it in 2020, adding a cafe, a library and a common room.

According to a request for an architect from July, UCLA's plans to redevelop the property for its sports medicine program could include adding an ambulatory surgery center, a medical clinic, advanced imaging, a microbiology/serology clinical lab and a specialty pharmacy. "The location and infrastructure of the building align with UCLA Health's mission to provide leading-edge health care to the Los Angeles community," UCLA Health said in a statement shared with CO. "The facility will enable us to leverage the existing lab infrastructure and add technologies to expand our patient care services."



...UCLA has been rapidly expanding throughout L.A...

Full story at <https://commercialobserver.com/2024/11/la-ucla-health-sports-medicine-reuse-lab-sale/>.

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Another Searching Meeting

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Regents of the University of California

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE SELECTION OF A PRESIDENT

Date: November 4, 2024

Time: 8:00 a.m.¹

Location: [For teleconference locations, please visit https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/meetings/agendas/nov42024.html](https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/meetings/agendas/nov42024.html)

Agenda – Closed Session

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Discussion

Consideration of Matters Pertaining to Presidential Search

Closed Session Statute Citation: Personnel matters
[Education Code §92032(b)(7)]

Only members of the Special Committee will attend

Source: <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/nov24/presidentialsearch.pdf>.

The Regents will begin their regular November meetings tomorrow. But they have been meeting from time to time regarding the presidential search, as shown above.

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Sunday, November 10, 2024

Impending Strike



From Becker's Hospital Review:
Members of the University Professional and Technical Employees at the University of California San Francisco are set to strike Nov. 20 and 21. The union represents approximately 4,000 UCSF healthcare, research and technical workers, according to a UPTe news release shared with Becker's. Of these, approximately 2,040 are healthcare workers.

Union members voted to authorize a strike in October. The union and management began negotiating a new

labor contract in June, according to the University of California. Heather Hansen, a spokesperson for the UC Office of the President, which is negotiating with the union on behalf of the UC system, told Becker's that in October, the university made a "significant" offer to boost salaries by "5% in year one of the contract and by 19% to 23% over the life of the proposed three-year agreement.

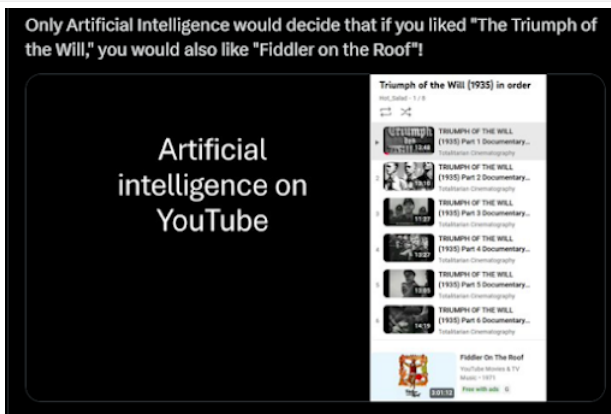
"UC has also proposed \$75 or \$100 monthly premium subsidies for UPTe employees and is eager to continue to negotiate these issues with the union. UC has also agreed to raise wages for all UPTe and AFSCME employees to \$25 an hour by July 1, 2025."

In October, UPTe filed a complaint with the California Public Employment Relations Board, contending that UC failed to provide necessary information about staffing vacancies and unilaterally — and illegally — increased health insurance costs outside of bargaining. The union also alleged that staffing levels within the UC system have not kept pace with increased demand for services, resulting in a decline in patient care quality...

Full story at <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/hr/2k-ucsf-healthcare-workers-schedule-strike.html>.

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AEA Ombuds

The American Economic Association - the premier professional academic association for economists - provides a service that other professional groups might want to emulate. If you are in another field, you might consider asking your association to provide a similar service.

“How to Have a Productive Difficult Conversation at Work”







“The one-hour workshop, scheduled for Wednesday, November 13 at 2:00 p.m. EST via Zoom, will be led by the Ombuds team at MWI. Learn practical approaches to address conflicts constructively, mitigate negative impacts, and create pathways for resolution, allowing you to refocus on your meaningful work.”

Members of the AEA will likely have gotten this notice with instructions on how to register.*

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*If you are a member but didn't get the notice, go to <https://www.aeaweb.org/news/member-announcements/2024-nov-07>.



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Saturday, November 9, 2024

Faculty Club Transition

As faithful blog readers will know, years ago this blog was instrumental in opposing a plan to replace the Faculty Club with what is now the Luskin Hotel, which was instead built where a parking structure stood in central campus. Ultimately, the hotel was built elsewhere. We will be watching the developments described below closely.

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November 7, 2024

Faculty Club Members

Dear Colleagues,

In October, I sent an email to members of the Faculty Club detailing the serious financial issues facing the Club and affecting our operations. I also described the intensive efforts of the Board to secure a new and viable organizational structure that would sustain us into the future. Now, I am pleased to announce a new partnership with UCLA's Housing & Hospitality (H&H) in managing the Club's food and beverage services, as well as its meetings and events program. This has involved close collaboration with Human Resources. Under this new model, the Faculty Club will continue to serve its core purpose and will retain its General Manager and elected Board of Governors. Food and Beverage, and event and meetings services will be managed by H & H. Yesterday, November 6, I shared the news about the pending changes in the operations of the Club with our staff and how it will affect them.

Under the direction of Peter Angelis, Assistant Vice Chancellor - H&H, manages a wide range of business operations, including the Luskin Conference Center and the extensive student residential facilities on the Hill, known for their award-winning food service and dining operations. These operations are so well regarded that the facilities have been selected as the site for the 2028 Olympic Village. Peter and his team have been working with our General Manager, Andrea Curthoys, and members of the Board to make a detailed assessment of every aspect of our Club's revenue and operations.

I want to stress that this new operational model is not a "takeover" by the Administration. In fact, Administrative Vice Chancellor Michael Beck and Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Steven Agostini have been fully supportive in helping us confront our situation and in envisioning a sustainable future for the Club. We are fortunate that H&H is willing to help find operational efficiencies that could ensure the Club's future viability. We are working on these details now. To ensure a smooth transition, the Board established a Transition Team led by President-Elect, Victoria Steele, that has been working through the operational details, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.

We are excited about this partnership and remain committed to transparency as we navigate this new model. I understand that many of you may have questions regarding this partnership and the potential changes to the Club. I am available to answer any questions you may have, either via email or in person. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will be having our



planned All Members' meeting via Zoom on November 14th at 4:30 to introduce the partnership and answer questions. Peter Angelis also will attend.* In December, we will host a reception to honor the Club's past and the many members who have supported it over the decades.

Even with these operational adjustments, the continued success of the Club depends on the support of UCLA faculty and staff to secure the Club's future.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, thank you for your membership, for your continued support, and understanding.








Sincerely,

Linda Sarna

President, UCLA Faculty Club

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*Members will have received the Zoom link.

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Some Retirement Programs for November - Part 2

Retiree Health Webinar:








This webinar is intended for those considering retirement from UC within the next 4-12 months. We'll provide an in-depth review of the eligibility rules for retiree health coverage, your health plan options (including Medicare coordination), how to determine your premiums and answers to commonly asked questions.



Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 2 PM.

Register:

https://ucop.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KpETRz4EQVS-DoKDp9OA_w#/registration.

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